**The Last of the Mohicans Study Guide**

**Plot Summary (Thus Far)**

“The Last of the Mohicans” is an adventure and romance set in 1757 during the third year of the war raging between England and France in the American colonies (The French and Indian

War/Seven Years War). The colonial powers have forged alliances with native peoples in the

area surrounding Albany, New York. The Huron have allied themselves with the French, while

the Mohicans are fighting for the British. Moving through this frontier is Hawk-eye (also known

as Nathaniel), adopted son of the Mohican Chingachgook, and adopted brother of his son, Uncas.

The Mohicans are threatened with extinction, and these three men are heading west to winter

with the Delaware in their towns on the Ohio, where Uncas will find a wife and perpetuate their line. Also living on this land are frontier families and single men (some of them former indentured servants from England) who are expected by the British to serve as a colonial militia,

but who are torn between loyalty to the Crown and surviving the harsh conditions of the frontier.

Arriving in Albany are Cora and Alice Munro, daughters of a British officer, who, under the guidance of Major Duncan Heyward, set off to meet their father, Colonel Munro, at Fort William

Henry. Magua, a Huron disguised as a Mohawk, has tricked the British into entrusting the British into his care. In addition to military motives, Magua has sworn to avenge himself personally upon the entire Munro family for a past injury to his own family. En route to the fort, the Hurons attack the British party, but the ambush is broken by Hawk-eye, Chingachgook and Uncas, who agree to guide the Munro sisters and Heyward to the safety of Fort William Henry. On the way to Fort William Henry they intend to stay at the frontier cabin of friends, but find the cabin burned and the family murdered by a Huron war party. Cora misunderstands Hawk-eye’s decision to leave the dead unburied, which precipitates a conversation between the two about his past and life on the frontier.

1. Upon arriving outside Fort William Henry, what does the group discover?
2. How much longer does Munro tell Heyward that the fort can hold out for?
3. What is Hawkeye arrested and condemned to hang for?
4. What are the release terms that Montcalm offers Munro for safe passage to Albany, New York?
5. Who attacks the English group (that includes Hawkeye in chains) after they are released by Montcalm, the French commander?
6. What major character is killed in this attack?
7. For what reason does Magua want to kill the British, specifically the Munro family?
8. Where does Magua and the rest of the Hurons take the prisoners?
9. What is the Huron chief’s final judgment on Cora, Alice, Duncan, and Hawkeye?
10. What does Hawkeye demand after hearing the judgment?
11. What does Duncan Heyward translate instead?
12. Who follows the Huron war band immediately to rescue Alice?
13. Who kills Duncan Heyward?
14. How and why does Alice die?
15. Who names himself “the last of the Mohicans?”